

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCLAMATION**

EO 01-03

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the possibility of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease exists in the state of Arkansas;  
and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has a large livestock population and livestock production is a crucial part of the economy of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of foot and mouth disease have resulted in the loss of millions of dollars in countries and regions where the outbreaks have occurred; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Arkansas to prevent such outbreaks in our cattle and indigenous wildlife population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, hereby create the Foot and Mouth Disease Coordination Committee (the Committee) and grant them all the necessary powers of the executive to help prevent any possible outbreak and to take necessary steps to control any outbreak that may occur.

The Committee shall be comprised of:

*2 Designees of the Governor's Office-* (one designee shall act as the chairman of the committee and shall report directly to the Governor concerning all efforts; the remaining Governor's office designee shall act as the Spokesman for the Committee and shall be responsible for all communications and disseminations to the public concerning the committee's activities and efforts)

*1 Designee of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas Soil and Water Commission*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas Highway Police*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas National Guard*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas Department of Health*

*1 Designee of the Arkansas State Plant Board*

Furthermore, there is hereby created a Foot and Mouth Disease Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee) to assist and advise the Foot and Mouth Disease Coordination Committee and to assist in public education efforts. The Advisory Committee shall be made up of:

A Representative of the Arkansas Poultry Federation

A Representative of the Arkansas Farm Bureau

A Representative of the Cooperative Extension Service

A Representative of the Arkansas Cattleman's Association

A Representative of the Arkansas Pork Producers Association

Any other member of the public sector that the Governor chooses to appoint.

All committee members will serve at the will of the Governor and will receive no compensation. The advisory committee shall have no power other than to advise and assist in the education of the citizens of the State of Arkansas. If not extended by an additional Executive Order, these committees shall dissolve on December 31, 2004. The Foot and Mouth Disease Coordination Committee shall have a plan ready for the Governor's approval by July 6, 2001. The Governor retains the power to override any decision of the Committee.



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GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

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SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST